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- Because of the lack of qualified geologists, practically no more geological exploration is undertaken in Rumania. The Rumanians are now drilling in already productive areas.
- The haphazard methods of drilling, the lack of suitable machinery and the poor financial condition of all the companies have limited the number of new drillings to a minimum. The new machinery promised by the Russians has not been delivered. The figures published in the Moniteur de Petrole for the first quarter of 1947 shows approximately 4,000 square meters less were drilled than in the corresponding period of 1945. The following figures are quoted:

First Quarter of 1946	24,000 square meters were drilled
First Quarter of 1947	20,000 " " " "
Whole Year of 1946	135,000 " " " "
Proposed for 1947	120,000 " " " "

- Comparison of production for the first quarter of 1947 with that for the first quarter of 1946 reveals a deficit of 156,000 tons. It is unlikely that a total production of more than 3,600,000 tons for 1947 will be reached.

When the chief demands on production have been met, (a) for the occupation troops, (b) for reparations deliveries to Russia, and (c) for deliveries under the terms of the Soviet-Rumanian trade agreement, the remainder falls short of normal domestic requirements. Very small quantities are exported to other countries outside the "Iron Curtain" or to those lying in the Russian-controlled zones, which is done mostly for "symbolic" and propaganda purposes. Recently, the coordinating commission for all petroleum companies in Rumania issued the following list of maximum offers for bulk export:

Product	Quantity	Delivery Time	Price
Benzine 70 OZ	4,000 T.	immediately, starting with regular deliveries up to October 1947	World market price

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<u>Product</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery Time</u>	<u>Price</u>
Extraktionsbenzin 70/115, of which 40% 70/100 and 60% 100/115	3,000 T.	immediately, starting with regular deliveries up to October 1947	World market price
White Spirit I	1,000/1,500 T.	" " "	" " "
Spindle Oil	2,000 T.	" " "	" " "
Bitumen 180/200	3,000 T., (if possible in tank cars)	" " "	" " "
Paraffin 52/54	100 T.	" " "	" " "

6. Sovrompetrol has taken over all the companies which were formerly in the hands of the Germans and the Italians:

- a. "Concordia" (Belgian)
- b. "Colombia" (French)
- c. "Redeventa" and "Creditul Minier" (Rumanian)

The Russo-Rumanian concern controls about a third of the whole Rumanian petroleum industry. Its shares in the above mentioned companies are as follows:

Concordia	51 percent
Colombia	85 percent
Petrol-Block	65 percent
I.R.D.P.	30 percent
Sarpetrol	51 percent
Redeventa	50 percent
Creditul Minier	25 percent

The other big companies such as Astra Romana, Romano-Americano, Steaua Romana, and Unirea are still in the hands of the Western Powers.

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